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OUTLINES.

The Boers captured the British post at Helvetia; killed and wounded fifty and took 200 prisoners. —— The Chinese government has accepted all the conditions of the joint note, and asks that negotiations begin at once. —— The United States mosquito fleet, consisting of four vessels, has sailed for the Philippines. —— The Omaha kidnappers threaten to carry off a little daughter of Cudahy. —— Three men killed at Abbeville, S. C., as a result of a quarrel over a game of cards. —— Heavy snow storm in the Northwest and low temperature. —— Six men killed and twelve wounded within two weeks in Clay county, Ky. —— The rebellion in Ashanti against the British has ended. —— Three more failures announced on the London Stock Exchange. —— The London and Globe Company will wind up. —— The city council of Omaha will offer a reward for the Cudahy abductors; the county and the State of Nebraska will be urged to increase the reward. —— Work began yesterday on the roadbed of the Brunswick and Birmingham railroad. —— New Year observances last night at many places. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 4@6 per cent., the last loan being at 4½ per cent.; cotton quiet, middling uplands 10c; flour strong and moderately active; wheat —spot strong, No. 2 red 83½c; corn—spot firm, No. 2 45½c; oats—spot firm, No. 2 28½c; rosin dull, strained common to good $1.75; spirits turpentine dull at 38½@39c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 31.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 55 degrees; 8 P. M., 56 degrees; maximum, 67 degrees; minimum, 55 degrees; mean, 61 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .32; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 5.69 feet.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M., 6 feet.

COLD WAVE COMING.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Cold wave. Temperature will fall to minimum of about 25 degrees by Wednesday morning.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—For North Carolina: Fair, much colder Tuesday; cold wave at night, except in extreme eastern portion. Wednesday fair; continued cold; fresh west to northwest winds.

Port Almanac--January 1.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.59 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 49 M.
High Water at Southport	3.47 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	6.17 A. M.

According to the last census of this State there are 275,863 more of us than there were in 1890.

There are 320 Masonic lodges in this State with a membership of 12,000. This ought to keep the goat market up.

Since the Cudahy kidnapping a bill has been introduced in the Illinois Legislature to make kidnapping a capital offence.

Hon. Grover Cleveland says he didn't vote for Wm. McKinley; but as Wm. McKinley didn't need his voto he need not care how Grover voted.

A Professor in the Chicago University has discovered that it is salt that makes the heart beat. Another illustration of what a beat the Salt Trust has on us mortals.

Mr. Cherry, the South African explorer who alone spent five years among the tribes in that country, says that although they are cannibals, they didn't eat him. Perhaps they were not fond of cherries.

In Holland the vaccination of school children became compulsory in 1873. Previous to that the death-rate from smallpox was eighty-nine to every 100,000. Since then the average has fallen to seven in 100,000.

South Africa will in time become a great producer of coffee. Five years ago the experiment was made of growing it in the Uganda district, and last year 250,000 pounds were exported. The principal difficulty is in getting it to shipping points.

It takes $1,000 to get delegate Wilcox from Honolulu to Washington and as much more to get him back, 5,000 miles at 20 cents a mile. He can, if he be thrifty, save enough out of this to buy each of his several wives a new Easter bonnet, and put his salary in the savings bank.

An old fellow was picked up on a New York street the other day in an apparently destitute condition and clothed in rags. In providing him with more comfortable clothing a remarkably valuable chest protector was discovered. It was composed of $50 bills sewed on the inside of his old shirt, amounting to $950 in all. As he didn't have any newspaper, to experiment with he just tacked in the bills.

JOSHUA G. WRIGHT.

Highly Esteemed Citizen of Wilmington Died Sunday at His Home.

THE FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

Succumbed to an Illness Which Had Been Preying Upon His Constitution for Years—A Long and Useful Business Career.

The STAR chronicles this morning with a sincere feeling of the deep loss the city has sustained, the death of Mr. Joshua Grainger Wright, which occurred at his home in Wilmington, corner Eighth and Market streets, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock after a lingering illness brought about by three severe strokes of paralysis suffered at intervals during the past eight years.

The cause of Mr. Wright's immediate death was pneumonia but the effects of paralysis were plainly seen to have contributed largely to his sad demise. He suffered his first stroke about eight years ago and several years ago another, and about a year ago still another. At one time last March his life was despaired of but he rallied and appeared some better. His death Sunday, while not wholly unexpected, nevertheless came as a shock to the family and the community at large.

Mr. Wright was born in Wilmington, April 17th, 1840 and was therefore, in the sixty-first year of his age. His parents were the late lamented Dr. Thos. H. and Mrs. Mary Allan Wright, and he was born at the old family homestead on the southwest corner of Third and Market streets. He was the last of a large family of brothers and sisters, who traced their ancestry to colonial times, Joshua Grainger, one of the founders of Wilmington, having been the head of the family. Deceased was the fifth of the succeeding family which bore the name of his distinguished forefather. When a young man Mr. Wright graduated from the University of North Carolina and upon the breaking out of the Civil War he hastened to join the Confederacy and was made early in the struggle first lieutenant of Company E, First N. C. Regiment. At Chancellorsville, while fighting bravely for his country, he received a wound from which he never fully recovered and was forced to retire from the active service which so conspicuously marked his earlier career.

After the war, Mr. Wright began his career in civil life as agent of the Southern Express Company in this city, but gave that place up to take a position with Messrs. Williams & Murchison, which position he filled with great credit for 18 years. At the end of this period he formed the well known real estate agency which still bears his name and which is now being successfully conducted by his son, Mr. Thomas H. Wright under the firm name of J. G. Wright & Son.

Mr. Wright married Miss Florence Maffitt, a daughter of the late Capt. Jno. N. Maffitt and she preceded him to the grave several years ago. The surviving members of the immediate family are Mr. James A. Wright, Mr. John M. Wright, Mr. Thomas A. Wright, Mrs. R. H. Northrop and Miss. Carrie Wright.

The funeral was held at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from St. James' Episcopal Church of which he was a member and of which parish he was a vestryman for many years. The services were conducted by Rev. Frederick H. T. Horsfield, the rector, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives including a delegation of members of Cape Fear Camp, No. 254, U. C. V., of which he was also a member. The interment was at Oakdale cemetery and the following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Honorary, Messrs. Samuel Northrop, James Sprunt, Col. Jno. D. Taylor and Col. Jno. L. Cantwell; active, Messrs. Marsden Bellamy, E. S. Martin, Walker Meares, Wm. Calder, T. O. Bunting and Capt. T. C. Lewis.

Deceased was a member of Cornelius Harnett Council, No. 231, Royal Arcanum, and of Carolina Lodge, No. 434, Knights of Honor. In all of his relations with his fellow men he impressed them with his beautiful Christian character and amiable qualities.

A friend yesterday paid the following beautiful tribute to the life and character of the deceased:

"Again the silver cord is loosed and the pitcher is broken at the fountain. After weary years of suffering which were lovingly and mercifully mitigated by the ministrations of those who never failed him, Joshua Grainger Wright, the Christian gentleman, the beloved friend, has entered into that rest which remaineth for the people of God. His name and his life are linked with precious memories of one of the sweetest flowers of womanhood who had long preceded him, and whose life like his was beautified by the reflected glory of Him who is the light of the world. He had long known that the duty which God requires of man is obedience to His revealed will, and in his whole-hearted devotion to duty, he lived in humble imitation of Him who came not to do his will but the will of the Father who sent him. How strong and how dignified was his personal presence, how sweet and gracious his exquisite courtesy, how gentle and kindly his lovely character; how generous and just and sympathetic his judgments of his fellowmen!

"We sorrow for the loss we have sustained but we have our consolation, we rejoice that he has added lustre to an honored name, and that he has left us a precious legacy, the example of a Christian life which will abide in the memory of those who loved him."

LOCAL DOTS.

— January 1st, 1901!

— The *Algonquin* arrived in port yesterday from a short cruise.

— The Christmas exercises of the Southside Baptist Sunday school will take place to night.

— The STAR is in receipt of a very pretty calendar for the new year from the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company.

— The annual holiday entertainment of the Sunday school of the Brooklyn Baptist Church will take place to-night.

— At a semi-annual meeting of the directors of the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company yesterday the usual dividend of three per cent. was declared.

— The regular monthly meeting of the North Carolina Sorosis will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the club room, corner Fifth and Orange streets.

— Mr. J. B. Farrar has resigned his position as travelling salesman for Messrs. H. A. Tucker & Bro., and will travel for the New Home Sewing Machine Company.

— W. M. Cumming and wife recorded a deed yesterday transferring property on Second street, between Queen and Wooster, to Dan Benton; consideration $500.

— The prayer meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock, instead of to morrow evening, as usual. It will be a New Year's service.

— Emma Thompson was sent to the county roads by Mayor Waddell yesterday morning for disorderly conduct. She had just served thirty days for a similar offence and was released only Saturday afternoon.

— An Associated Press telegram, dated December 30th, says: "The British steamer *Dora*, Captain Golding, from Wilmington, N. C., for Queenstown, has arrived there and reports having propeller injured."

— During the past year Register of Deeds Biddle has issued 277 marriage licenses, of which 123 were to white couples and 154 to colored persons. Twenty-five were issued during December—nine to white persons and sixteen to colored.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Munroe & Kelley—Special sale.
S. W. Sanders—Something new.
Mercer & Evans Co.—Our thanks.
A. D. Brown—Happy New Year!
New Savings Bank—Your attention.
W. B. Cooper—Thanks to customers
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.—Legal holiday.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Gold breastpin.
Bookkeeper—Work wanted.
For Sale—Horse, surry, buggy.
Wanted—Men to learn barber trade.

OBSEQUIES OF J. W. TAYLOR.

Remains Arrived Sunday and Were Laid to Rest in Bellevue Cemetery.

The remains of the late Rev. Joseph W. Taylor, whose death at Hahira, Ga., occurred last Friday, arrived Sunday afternoon on the W. C. and A., train and were carried directly to Bellevue cemetery where they were tenderly laid to rest in the presence of many relatives and friends.

The funeral services were impressively read by Rev. J. W. Potter, of Market Street Methodist Church, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. N. Cole, of Grace M. E. Church.

The following gentlemen were pallbearers: Messrs. S. G. Hall, H. McL. Green, W. P. Oldham, W. A. French, J. W. Alderman and N. M. McEachein.

Those of the family who came to attend the funeral were Mrs. J. W. Taylor, wife of the deceased, of Hahira, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Newell and daughter, Miss Calena, of Norfolk; Capt. J. J. Clemmons, wife and children, of Florence, Messrs. Robert and Jesse Taylor, brothers of deceased, of Wilson, and nephew, Mr. Chas. Taylor, also of Wilson.

Granted Liquor Licenses.

At a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held yesterday afternoon, at which all the members were present, the liquor licenses recently approved by the Board of Aldermen were ordered issued. As the old licenses of dealers expired yesterday it was necessary to hold the special meeting in order that the saloons might not be closed for want of license. The number of licenses issued this year is fifty-three—all to dealers in Wilmington. From these the city derives a revenue of $14,520 per year; the county, $5,500, and the State, $5,500—to say nothing of what is paid in other taxes, including Schedule B, etc.

"My Daughter-In-Law."

Mr. W. M. Hull, business manager of "My Daughter-in-law" Company, featuring Miss Jones, of Charlotte, arrived in the city yesterday to make arrangements for the coming of his attraction here on to-night week. On account of the appearance of Miss Jones as leading lady in the company, the play is receiving quite a flattering reception in the South.

TWENTIETH CENTURY

Ushered in With the New Year by Appropriate Ceremonies Last Midnight.

SALUTE BY NAVAL RESERVES

Watch Night Services at Many of the Churches and Numerous Home Gatherings—The Observance As It Will Be To-day.

Last midnight witnessed the closing of the year 1900 and the Nineteenth century, the beginning of the new year 1901 and the Twentieth century.

The occasion was celebrated in Wilmington by the firing of salutes, the ringing of church bells, the singing of anthems and the offering up of prayer at several of the churches in the city and the usual other incidents that the more observant citizen considers paramount to the successful "ringing in of the new and the ringing out of the old." Upon the whole the occasion in Wilmington was celebrated on a more elaborate scale, perhaps, than in many years. Besides the public observancesthere were many home gatherings in honor of the event and the city made merry from north to south and from east to west as the big clock in the Court House steeple rang cheerily the hour of midnight.

At Grace Methodist church special watch night services were held, led by the pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole. There was a special programme of music and a large number of people gathered in reverence to celebrate the passing of the old year and century and the ushering in of the new.

Similar services were held at Fifth Street M. E. Church, led by the pastor, Rev. John H. Hall. There, too, a congregationlgathered and held appropriate services.

At St. Paul's Pro Cathedral solemn Pontifical mass was celebrated at 12 o'clock, Rev. Father C. Dennen officiating. There was a special programme of music and it was admirably rendered. The service was elaborate and impressive and was surpassed in significance and appropriateness by none other in the city.

The watch night service at the Second Advent Church lasted from 8 until 12 o'clock. There was also a special programme of music at this church and special prayers were offered. The new year was ushered in by the ringing of bells and a gladsome reception by the large congregation present.

The street demonstrations consisted of the explosion of fire works in the different parts of the city, desultory firing of pistols, ringing of bells and blowing of whistles by the harbor craft, notably the U. S. revenue cutter *Algonquin*, which is tied up at the Custom House wharf, and the various other methods usually employed to make "one's self heard" by his fellow beings.

The most pronounced celebration of the New Year was by the Hotchkiss gun crew of Wilmington Division, Naval Reserves, consisting of Messrs. A. A. Hergenrother, J. H. LeGwin, Chas. E. McMillan, W. S. Morris, J. McMillian and Louis King. The members brought their gun to the foot of Market street and fired a Commodore's salute of ten guns.

New Year's will be obsesved to-day as usual. The banks, Produce Exchange, Custom House, Post office, a number of stores and like institutions will observe holiday hours or close for the entire day and there will be a general suspension of business. Many hunters will seek the field while the ordinary individual will spend the day as usual on such occasions in the city.

Reception To Chinese Students.

Mr. W. B. Cooper, Superintendent of Grace M. E. Sunday School, and the teachers of the Chinese classes in that organization gave quite an enjoyable reception and holiday entertainment last night at the residence of Mr. O. M. Fillyaw to the eight Celestials who attend regularly at Grace that branch of the church service. Miss Eva Parmele was mistress of ceremonies and the event was a delightful one for all present. Refreshments were served in great abundance and elegance and upon conclusion of the affair each member of the Chinese classes was presented with a Christmas present as a testimonial of the appreciation of the teachers and the Sunday School generally of his faithful work and punctual attendance during the year.

Port Paragraphs.

The American barque *Chas. Loring* and schooner *Jno. R. Fell*, which cleared this port last week, passed out at Southport at 10 A. M. yesterday for their respective voyages.

The schooner *Jno. R. Fell*, bound from Tampa to Baltimore, passed Cape Fear bar yesterday morning and asked to be reported.

The schooner *Charles C. Lister*, Capt. T. B. Robinson, arrived yesterday from New York for a cargo.

The *Algonquin* arrived in port yesterday from a cruise along the coast.

A Queer Hallucination.

Mary Frink, an aged insane colored woman, was taken into custody by Policeman Woebse yesterday afternoon on Seventh between Orange and Ann streets, and an investigation of her case will be had this morning. She has the strange hallucination that she has been in the infernal regions for two weeks and expresses surprise that she has not been burned.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. S. A. Schloss is in Philadelphia.

— Mr. John Giles returned to Chapel Hill yesterday.

— Mr. Chas. Elliott returned to Washington last night.

—Capt. C. P. Bolles left last night, returning to Washington.

— Mrs. E. R. Wooten returned yesterday to Rocky Mount.

— Mr. Dawson Latham arrived last night from Rocky Mount.

— Mr. Almon Elliott has returned to the University of Virginia.

— Mr. N. M. Alston, of Goldsboro, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Forest Hyman is the guest of his friend, Mr. D. Archie Bullock.

— Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wilder returned yesterday from St. Stephen's, S. C.

— Mr. Geo. G. Thomas, Jr., has returned from a short visit to Baltimore.

— Mr. Peter Rourk, of Brunswick, was a Wilmington visitor yesterday.

— Mr W. R. Newbury, of Magnolia, was a visitor to Wilmington yesterday.

— Miss Lina McCauslin went up to Atkinson yesterday to spend New Year's.

— Mr. H. C. McQueen and Miss Sue McQueen arrived last night from New York.

Trainmaster Charles L. Porter, of Florence, was a visitor to the city Sunday.

— Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woodward have returned from Rocky Mount.

— Col. A. H. Slocomb, of Fayetteville, was among Sunday's arrivals in the city.

— Dr. K. J. Powers, of South Washington, N. C., was a visitor to the city yesterday.

— W. J. Davis, ex-State Senator from Brunswick county, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

— Miss Sarah Hocutt has returned to her home at Greenville after visiting relatives here.

— Messrs. W. H. Pyke and J. A. Pullan, of Southport, were arrivals in the city last evening.

— J. O. Carr, Esq., of Wilmington and J. A. Carr, of Lacey, Miss., are guests at the Orton.

— Mr. Will Atkinson left last night for a few day's visit to Richmond and Washington.

— Rev. A. S. Barnes and wife, of Whiteville, are here on a visit to the family of Mr. E. C. Craft.

— Mr. Starke S. Batchelor, a popular insurance man of Raleigh, is here for a few days business trip.

— Miss May Higgins returned home last evening from Rocky Mount where she has been on a visit.

— Mr. Reid French, the "Ivory Starch" man, left yesterday, after spending the holidays at home.

— Mr. Burgess Marshall returned to Washington last night after spending the holidays at home.

— Prof. John Jay Blair has returned from Rocky Point, where he spent Christmas with his mother.

— Mr. Wilkes Morris, who has been quite sick, the STAR is glad to learn, was much better yesterday.

— Mr. V. T. Brantley, operator at the S. A. L., office, is spending a few days at his home at Cheraw, S. C.

— Mr. J. J. McCurry, of Charlotte, and M. C. Ficke, of Newbern, were arrivals at the Orton yesterday.

— Messrs. J. Holmes Davis, W. S. Register and H. W. Nash left last evening to spend New Year's at Charleston.

— Mrs. John W. Hinsdale, of Raleigh, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Sam T. Ashe returned home yesterday.

— Mr. W. H. Cooper and wife, of Nashville, Tenn., are visiting in the city the guests of Mr. Cooper's brother, Mr. W. B. Cooper.

— Miss Mamie Rourk, of Shallotte, N. C., passed through the city yesterday en route to Savannah, Ga., to visit her brother, Mr. John W. Rourk.

— Mr. Will Donlan, who has a position with the Central of Georgia railroad, at Savannah, is here on a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Donlan.

— Misses Mamie and Carrie Hilker, of Goldsboro, accompanied by Misses Riston and Lucile Banck, after a visit to Mrs. Otto Banck, returned home yesterday.

— Mr. William J. Martin, of the Raleigh *Post* and secretary of the "Ananias" club, Raleigh newspaper men's organization, is spending a few days in the city and is being cordially greeted by his old friends.

— The friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Woody regret to know that they will remove in about a week to Richmond, Va., in which city they will make their future home. Mr. Woody for the past several years has been engaged as book keeper with Mr. D. L. Gore and with the D. L. Gore Company since the formation of that corporation.

The stock of Christmas novelties of Geo. Haar's has been moved to Van Amringe's Auction House and will be sold at once without reserve. Commencing Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. CYRUS S. VAN AMRINGE, Auctioneer. †

THE FIRE YESTERDAY

Early Morning Blaze in Department Store of Mercer & Evans Company.

THE DAMAGE ABOUT $5,000.

Damage to Mr. W. Van Hardin's Saloon Adjoining—Rats and Matches Were Likely the Cause of the Conflagration—Insurance.

A destructive fire occurred yesterday morning about 1:30 oclock in the department stores of the Mercer & Evans Company, Nos. 115 and 117 Princess street, and an estimated damage of between $4,000 and $5,000 was wrought. The fire was confined to the third floor of the building where it originated, very near the partition dividing a storage room for old wares and a room in which was kept the wholesale shoe and the surplus retail shoe stock of the firm. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been "rats and matches" and this theoryhs pretty well sustantiated by the fact that only last Wednesday Mr. B. B. Jackson, a salesman in the store, found a box of matches very near the spot at which the fire originated with the case gnawed open and some of the matches spilled about the place.

The general retail stock of dry goods, notions, etc., on both second floors of the building were smoked, scorched, and to a small extent damaged by water. The goods in the two salesrooms on the first floor were also slightly damaged.

Mr. Mercer, president of the company, places the value of the stock on all the floors at $14,700, upon which was carried $12,000 insurance, distributed between the several local companies, as follows: J. H. Boatwright & Son, $2,500; Willard & Giles, $1,500; J. VanB. Metts, $3,000; Dr. W. W. Harriss, $500; Col. Walker Taylor, $4,500, and W. W. Hodges, $1,000. It is impossible, of course, to estimate the damage to the stock yet, but the fire department places it at between $3,500 and $4,000, while others claim it will exceed that amount.

The damage to the buildings will aggregate about $800. No. 115 is owned by Mrs. A. J. Mercer and is insured for $1,000 with Willard & Giles; $1,000 with J. H. Boatwright & Son and $300 with Col. Walker Taylor. No. 117 is owned by Mr. A. H. Evans and was insured for $500 with Willard & Giles; $1,500 with J. H. Boatwright & Son and $700 with Col. Walker Taylor.

The store No. 119 in the same building, occupied by Mr. W. Van Hardin as a saloon, was also damaged to some extent by smoke and water. The building is owned by Mr. T. S. Evans and the loss is covered by insurance. The stock and fixtures of Mr. Hardin are also covered by insurance with J. VanB. Metts and Col. Walker Taylor.

Mr. Mercer asks the STAR to return thanks to Chief Schnibben, Assistant Chief Monroe and the firemen generally, who prevented a more serious conflagration by diligent andskilful work.

Chief Schnibben also asks the STAR to thank Mr. Andrew Smith for refreshments served the firemen, and also to Mr. Mercer and Mr. Hardin for like courtesies.

The stores of the Mercer & Evans Company will be closed for several days until the losses are adjusted.

Changes at the Court House.

Mr. Owen Fennell takes charge today of the office of clerk to the finance committee of the Board of County Commissioners, succeeding Capt. W. P. Oldham, who will go into other business. Mr. Fennell was elected to the position at the first meeting of the fiscal year in December. County Standard Keeper Geo. T. Bland yesterday turned over the effects of his office to his successor, Mr. G. C. Simmons, who was also elected at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

The commissioners will meet Monday for the choosing of other elective officers by the board who were not decided upon at the December meeting.

Mr. O. H. Page Promoted.

Mr. Owen H. Page, who has for some time most acceptably filled a position in the office of Mr. E. Borden, superintendent of transportation of the Atlantic Coast Line, has been promoted to the position of lost car agent to succeed Capt. J. P. Russell, who has accepted a position in the General Manager's office. Mr. Page's promotion is a just reward for his efficiency and thorough capability. He went out on the road yesterday to begin his new duties.

Read Roosevelt's Address.

Sunday afternoon when Vice President-elect Theodore Roosevelt was making a speech to the Y. M. C. A., of New York in Carnegie Hall, his address was being read to the local association by Secretary W. W. Turner. The weather was very inclement, but despite that fact the attendance was large and those who were present heard a very strong discourse. The appeal to young men was very effective. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. N. Cole.

Will Be Removed.

The Wilmington office of Messrs. Zachary and Zachary, contractors and dealers in hardwood mantles, will be removed to Raleigh about January the 10th. Mr. W. L. Cates, who has been managing the business here, will go back on the road as travelling representative of the firm.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Is extended to our many friends and patrons, and we wish for them a most prosperous year. Also, trust that by square dealing, giving honest goods and good treatment to all, will merit a continuance of their favors.

We take this occasion to say that

ALL BILLS ARE NOW DUE

and a prompt settlement will be appreciated.

Yours, very truly,

A. D. BROWN.

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Your Attention is Called

To the fact that Tuesday, January 1st, 1901, being a Legal Holiday, the New Savings Bank, opposite the postoffice, will be closed.

But Bear in Mind that deposits made with us on Wednesday, January 2d, 1901, will draw interest from January 1st, at the rate of 4 per cent., compounded quarterly. What better start could you make with the New Year than opening a savings account with us? We will lend you a small Home Savings Bank, which will also help you to save small amounts you would not save otherwise. You are invited to call and get one.

THE GUARDIAN SECURITY, TRUST AND DEPOSIT COMPANY,
OF WILMINGTON, N. C.
H. C. McQUEEN, President. JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, Vice President.
jan 1 tf F. W. DICK, Cashier.

TAX ASSESSMENT CASES.

Another Day of the Hearing Before Judge Shepherd is Without Interest—The Schedule for To-day.

The hearing in the railway tax assessment cases before Judge James E. Shepherd in the U. S. court room here was again devoid of interest yesterday. The court convened at 10 o'clock and continued for the morning session until noon when a recess was taken for consultation of attorneys with witnesses and for dinner.

George Rountree, Esq., assisted by R. G. Grady and T. W. Davis, Esqs., conducted the examination for the railroads and Col. Hinsdale, and Jno. H. Gore, Jr., Esq., were present for the Corporation Commission. Judge Connor of counsel for the Corporation Commission, spent Sunday at his home at Wilson and was not present during the day but arrived last evening to resume his duties. Capt. Charles Price, attorney for the Southern Railway, who left Saturday, is expected to return to day at noon from his home at Salisbury.

Only two witnesses were examined during the morning session. They were Mr. H. C. Moffitt, clerk of the Superior Court of Columbus county, and Mr. Alexander T. Council, an assessor in Bladen county. The testimony of these was substantially the same as that given during preceding days of the hearing here and the usual developments came from the cross examination. It was shown from Mr. Moffitt's testimony that there was quite a difference in favor of the contention of the railroads in cash sales of trucking lands around Chadbourn but on re-direct examination the witness attributed the sales at a greater price than tax valuation to the fact that most of the purchasers were western men attracted to Columbus by colonization schemes and therefore they bought the lands without acquaintance with conditions and prices in this section and without the necessary investigation to a purchase of lands at nearer their true worth.

After dinner the court assembled at 2 o'clock and continued in session until after 6 P. M. The witnesses who testified were Messrs. W. J. Register, J. A. Wootten, R. J. McEwen, J. N. Kelley, F. S. Averett and N. G. Brison, assessors in Bladen county; State Senator W. J. Davis and assessors Isaac Milliken, J. J. Pigott and G. W. Sellers, of Brunswick county. The testimony of all these was not different from the others who have testified for the Corporation Commission in the case.

The list of Columbus and Brunswick witnesses was not completed upon adjournment yesterday evening but will be taken up again to day. It is likely that it will require the entire day to finish with them and, therefore, New Hanover witnesses will not be called. Attorneys for the Corporation Commission, however, say that witnesses from the city will be taken up to-morrow if they are not called to-day, and that evidence will be introduced to show alleged undervaluation of railroad property. The taking of this testimony will likely consume the balance of the time allotted to the hearing here.

The session of the court this morning will be opened at 9:30 o'clock.

To Attend Inauguration.

The Wilmington Light Infantry has been invited to attend and participate in the military parade at Raleigh upon the occasion of the inauguration of Governor-elect Chas. B. Aycock. It is understood that the company will accept the invitation and will attend. The Naval Reserves have also been invited to attend and take part in the inauguration.

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The after holiday clearance sale of odds and ends of FURNITURE begins to-morrow and there are rich prizes for those who don't delay. Everything not necessary to keep our regular stock up to regular dimensions has been marked at figures a third and a half less than usual prices. These items should prove irresistibly attractive.

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Fine, well equipped Turpentine Farm at private sale, on account of death of partners. Thirty crops—labor and round timber plenty. Can be bought at a great bargain. Address or visit,

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 1.

SECRETARY GAGE ON TRUSTS.

Some time ago Secretary Gage delivered an address at a banquet of a Bankers' Association in New York, when he discussed financial and economic questions in which the American people are interested. After dwelling at some length on the financial question in its different phases, he referred to another question of absorbing and growing interest—the Trusts, as follows:

"Here at home, in our own land, we are witnesses to what is nearly a metamorphosis in previous conditions and methods of business. The consolidations of capital, the centralization of industries, excite new and serious inquiry as to the consequences and effects they may carry in their train. Are they the natural and healthful unfolding of a true economic movement? Will they carry beneficial fruits which will find an equitable distribution through the body politic as a whole or will they prove to be engines of power by the aid of which the few can exploit the many?

"My faith is strong in the first direction, but the real meaning and future influences of these modern phenomena should be studied and made clear to the general comprehension. Grave consequences depend upon it.

"Two dangers are apparent. One is that through prejudice and ignorance we may block the path of natural progress. The other is that the force and power involved in these great organizations may be utilized for oppression and robbery."

It is evident from the interrogative form of these utterances that Secretary Gage is about as much puzzled over the Trust question as the average citizen who hasn't been in as good position to observe and study it as he is, but the doubts implied in his utterances, although supplemented by a hope that the Trusts may prove beneficial rather than injurious, show that he is not fully satisfied with the situation as it is presented now. He realizes, as every other person who has given thought to this subject does, that as industries grow and branch out combination to enlist large capital will become necessary, and will, as Secretary Gage incidentally suggests, become the logical result of progress. This is true, true of every country where industrial operations get out of the primitive ruts and attain large proportions.

But combination of capital for co-operation more effective operation, and cheaper and larger production, is one thing and the combinations which go by the common name of Trusts are something else and very different. Partnership is as old as business. There is but one industry in which it is not common, that is the industry of the farm but in late years it has been adopted to some extent in that, in the West, there are syndicates enjoyed in cultivating wheat and other crops and in the Southwest there are cultivating sugar, cotton, etc. The sydicates own large tracts of land and use steam plows and other machinery that could not be economically employed on ordinary farms. Companies are nothing but partnerships containing more than two persons, it may be a half dozen, a dozen or a hundred or more, each being interested to the amount of money he puts in the business. It is business pure and simple, based on aggregation of capital, to make extensive operation practable and is all right.

The object behind this is honest, as in manufacturing enterprises, to secure the most effective machinery for the work to be done, to purchase the necessary material in large lots and to the best advantage, to work with the most thorough system, and thus produce in quantities as large as desirable and at the lowest possible cost. These are the combinations which by increasing and cheapening production lower prices and are satisfied with a moderate profit. With such combinations the industries of this country progressed and grew until they attained colossal proportions.

But the Trust is another thing, The motive behind that is not to cheapen production by co-operation and combination of capital, but to control production, thus head off competition, make its own prices and reap extraordinary profits. The combination of capital to which we have referred either as a simple partnership or a company or corporation is "the natural and healthful unfolding of a true economic movement," to quote Secretary Gage, but the Trust is not, for that is based on greed and its essence is monopoly. Its purpose is to strangle industry and thus deprive the public of the benefit of energetic competition. If the purpose or the effect of these "aggregations of capital," as Senator Hanna calls the Trusts, were to give the public as well as the Trust people some of the benefits accruing from the combination and larger and cheaper production, there would be little objection to them and the public would not care whether they operated with one million or fifty millions of dollars, nor by what name they might be called. But the Trust does not do that, for it regards the public as its prey, and when it is successful in strangling opposition dictates its prices and rules with imperious sway. When it has competition it comes down to business and when it has monopoly it makes its own terms and insists upon them with relentless greed. It simply plays the robber because it can.

As an illustration let us take the Steel Trust, and the item of steel rails. The Trust is protected from foreign competition (a protection for which there is no need and no justification) by a high tariff on rails, high enough to prevent the importation of rails in any large quantities. The rail monopolists ship thousands of tons of their rails to other countries, and undersell the foreign makers, which they have to do to successfully compete with them. What they get for the rails sold abroad we do not know, but it is much less than they demand from the home purchasers of these rails. It is said that steel rails can be made made and sold in this country at a reasonable profit for $13 a ton, but our railroads have to pay $26 a ton, no matter how large the quantity they may buy. They could buy rails for considerably less money in England, but the protective tariff prevents them from doing that, so they are at the mercy of the Trust, because they must have rails and the Trust controls the source of supply. A profit of one hundred per cent. in a business like that, and an article that plays such a large part in the development of our resources and in our industrial progress, is extortion and simply robbery, which is not the "natural or healthful unfolding of a true economic movement." It is organized brigandge under another name.

If successfully carried out according to the purpose in view in the organization of Trusts the inevitable result would be to eventually put the productive industries of the country into a few directing hands, and make them the masters of the industrial field, and make industrial and commercial development and progress dependent upon them. That might do for China, or India, or Africa, where the few rule, and the masses are mere helots, without ambition, aspiration or hope, content with enough to eat to keep body and soul together, and clothing enough to cover their nakedness where nakedness is not fashionable, but in a country like this where the masses are not serfs, where they have ambition and aspirations to move onward and upward, it is not good to let any small number of men become masters of the industrial field, for this would eventually result in an industrial despotism in which the dollar would be omnipotent and the man a cipher.

Industrial combination, which is, "the natural and healthful unfolding of a true economic movement," is all right, but the Trust, as we understand it, is all wrong.

SUGGESTING CHANGES.

Ex-President Cleveland is doing some writing for the magazines now. In a recent article he commented on the incongruities of the electoral system by which our Presidents are now chosen, and gave some strong reasons in favor of one term for Presidents. With his experience he is competent to speak on this question, and his views are entitled to thoughtful consideration, whether they receive it or not.

His objections to the electoral system have been urged frequently by others who have discussed this roundabout, antiquated method of proceeding, a method by which the voice of the people is, as Mr. Cleveland says, often nullified, and the majority defeated by the minority through the instrumentality of this electoral machinery. Whether the direct vote of the people would give us better Presidents may be a question, but that it would give us Presidents who are more in accord with the people, and administration policies more in accord with popular sentiment, there is no question.

At the last election Mr. McKinley had not only a plurality over Mr. Bryan, but a majority over all, which is rarely the case. His plurality over Bryan was 859,824, his majority over all 468,056. But if the white vote only were counted Bryan would have a very considerable plurality over him, and the majority against him would be larger than his plurality over Bryan. Of course the negro votes cast count for all practical purposes as much as white votes, but when it comes to a President who reflects the intelligent sentiment of the country then Mr. Bryan came much nearer that than Mr. McKinley did, for he received the votes of more intelligent white men.

While all this is so and the defectiveness of the present electoral system is apparent there is little probability of a change in the near future, for while the Republican party holds power in Washington it will not change the system that gives it power, and if the Democratic party were in power it would probably not care to do it.

The reasons are so numerous and so strong for one term, whether the time be made longer or not, that there is more prospect of a change in this than in the electoral system, but we become so wedded to old customs that it will take a good deal of talk and a good deal of time to make this change.

In China the outrages and barbarity are not all on the side of the Boxers. A dispatch from Sung Chow says 573 Chinese women of the better class in that town committed suicide rather than survive the indignities they were subjected to by the foreign soldiers.

TRADE WITH THE FILIPINOS.

Mr. Austin of the Bureau of Statistics, in Washington, has been giving us more information as to our trade with the Filipinos, past, present and prospective. In 1897 we sold them only $69,000 worth of goods all told. This year we have shipped to the islands $3,500,000 worth. In 1899 their total imports amounted to $20,255,000. The past year they footed up $25,000,000. In 1899 we furnished 6 per cent. of their imports; the past year about 15 per cent., China furnished 38 per cent., the remainder by other nations. China seems to have gotten the grip on the trade, and will probably hold it, as the island is full of Chinese traders, who are industrious, hustling fellows, unless we manage some way by protective duties and crowd them out. But Mr. Austin thinks we can get there eventually.

Speaking of the progress made in introducing American goods. He says:

"Of course, the large American population which has gone to the Philippines in connection with the army and the administration of the islands would naturally create a demand for American goods, but, even taking this into consideration, it is evident that the native population is finding use for our manufactures. Take American carriages and cars. During ten months of 1899 the imports amounted to only $611, while for the same period of time in 1900 the figures aggregated $12,231. The example of agricultural implements is still more striking. During the first ten months of 1899 the imports of these articles into the Philippines were valued at only $26, while the amount in the first ten months of the present year was nearly $4,000. In the same periods bicycles increased from $1,200 to $54,000; cotton cloth from $9 200 to $43,000; telegraph, telephone and other scientific instruments and apparatus from $6,000 to $16,000; boots and shoes from $600 to nearly $6,000. The Philippine Islands have also proved a great place for the sale of illuminating oil, the amount consumed having risen from 9,200 gallons in the first ten months of 1900. I could give," added Mr. Austin, "many other examples of the increased use of American made goods, but those will show that our trade with the Philippines is extending."

This borders on the amusing. In 1899 some one bought an American carriage and we shipped $611 worth of it to the islands, but last year American carriages, buggies, etc., had such a run that we shipped $12,231 worth. Mr. Austin intimates that these were bought by Filipinos, while it would be perfectly safe to wager that they were all sold to Americans or to Europeans. And the same might be said of nearly every item herein named. What use have the Filipinos at the present time for scientific and electrical instruments and bicycles? The bulk of the boots and shoes, it would be safe to say, went on the feet of imported denizens, and this is probably true of most of the $43,000 worth of cotton goods imported.

As a trade exhibit this is not much of a showing. But even if we got all of the $25,000,000 import business, which we are not likely to do with China, Japan, England and other countries for competitors, wouldn't it take a long time to get even on the money we have spent and are spending to capture those people and their trade?

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— As against the war being over, having to keep 60,000 troops in the Philippines would indicate that the natives are still disposed to fight like sixty.—*Philadelphia, Times Dem.*

—— Talk about "doing something for Lieut. Hobson," as if Congress was asked to give him a gratuity, is misleading as well as offensive to him and his friends. All in the world the gallant fellow and his friends desire for him is simple justice; and it is an outrage that he has been denied justice even to the extent of the advance of ten numbers in rank, for which he was nominated.—*Chattanooga Times, Ind.*

—— And now it is reported that Costa Rica and Nicaragua will not adhere to the protocol (which was tentatively agreed to) providing for their acceptance of the Hay treaty in its original shape, because of the amendments imposed upon that convention by the United States Senate. This means delay and further difficulties in the way of the construction of any canal at all, as was foreseen from the beginning by the anti-canal lobby. No wonder honest Senator Morgan is reported to be "furious."—*Macon Telegraph, Dem.*

—— Some twenty-five years ago A. R. Shepherd was called the "boss" of Washington. He was charged with all sorts of villainy and corruption, and finally compelled to leave the city. Now they are talking of building a monument to him. It was "Boss" Shepherd who gave Washington her magnificently paved and improved streets, making her one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It took money to do the work, and Shepherd had the gall to get it. Now his efforts are being appreciated. Shall we have, after awhile, the spectacle of New York raising monuments to "Boss" Tweed and "Boss" Croker?—*Savannah News, Dem.*

Cold Steel Or Death.

"There is but one small chance to save your life and that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach troubles and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvelous power of Electric Bitters to cure Stomach and Liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It's positively guaranteed to cure Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and never dissappoints Price 50 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

POPULAR EDUCATION

The Citizens of Columbus County Aroused on That Subject.

Last Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1900, a strong delegation of the leading men of Columbus county met in the town of Chadbourn for the purpose of taking steps to secure a better system of public schools for the entire county. The following has been furnished by the Secretary who recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

"The County Board of School Directors for Columbus County and the Township Trustees with Mr. J. A. Brown, Senator-elect, met in the office of Mr. Brown Dec. 26, 1900 and organized by electing Rev. J. A. Smith Chairman of Board Directors, chairman of the meeting and C. W. Brown, secretary. Parties present in the meeting were Rev. J. A. Smith, Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff, Superintendent L. W. Stanley C. W. Brown, Thomas Barefoot, M. F. Owen, Snowden Singletary, F. D. Page, L. R. Powell, Rev. C. P. Bullock, A. A. Williams, K. L. Lone and M. F. Leonhardt.

The chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to advise with the Legislative members to inaugurate better plans for the public school system. It was resolved to discuss first, the advisability of compulsory education. After a full and free discussion of the general bearing of the question it was unanimously agreed to recommend compulsory education for children between the ages of 6 and 12 years. It was resolved, second, that the next Legislature soon to assemble would be requested to submit to the voters of Columbus county as to whether or not a special school tax shall be levied for said county of not less than ten cents nor more than thirty cents on the one hundred dollars worth of property, to lengthen the term and increase the efficiency of the public schools, said election to be held not later than May 15th, 1901. It was agreed, also, that the County School Directory be appointed as heretofore. The meeting also unanimously favored the adoption of text books for public schools by a State Board of Examiners. It It was also agreed to publish the proceedings of this meeting in the county papers and others.

The only objection that has been heard against these suggestions has been in regard to the matter of compulsory education, but when our people understand the question there will be a radical change in sentiment. It is alarming here in North Carolina to think of the carelessness and indifference of parents in regard to the education of their children, and the remedy which is being used in many of the States is compulsory education. Quoting from suggestions made by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Legislature: "All of the New England States have compulsory education. All of the Middle Atlantic States except Missouri have compulsory attendance laws. All of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific States and Territories except New Mexico have compulsory laws." According to a list given us by Mr. Mebane North Carolina has more illiterate white people than any State of its grand possibilities ought to have, and the time has come for the people to be aroused as never before on the subject of popular education.

TWINKLINGS.

— "I gave that blind beggar a dime, and he called me a "beautiful lady." "Well, handsome is as handsome does."—*Detroit Free Press.*

— "Is the boss in?" asked the stranger, entering the drug store. "No," replied the absent-minded clerk, "but we have something equally as good."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— "You musicians ought to lead a very happy life," said Tenspot to a cornetist. "I don't see why." "Don't you? Why, even your work is play."—*Detroit Free Press.*

— "The Autobarrow," explained the citizen of the year 2050 A. D. "has almost entirely superseded the wheel barrow. Wheelbarrows are very little used now, except in the payment of election bets."—*Detroit Journal*

— Menu and Antidote.—"Delia studied medicine, you know; and I've taken a cooking-school course." "Well?" "We're going to start a magazine called "What to Eat, and How to Get Over It."—*Puck.*

— "Oh, dear," exclaimed the weary housekeeper, arranging for her day's marketing; "I find it so hard to get up a dinner." "Really," remarked her bachelor brother, who had just returned from the Paris Exposition, "you should try an ocean voyage."

— The Cheerful Idiot—"I wonder," said the shoe clerk boarder, "why they call it mistletoe." "It is so called because the miss'll toe the mark every time she sees a bit of it suspended anywhere," said the Cheerful Idiot.—*Indianapolis Press.*

— Magistrate (severely) "How could you be so mean as to swindle people who put confidence in you?" Prisoner—Walk yer honor, I'll make it worth something to ye if you'll tell me how to work them that don't" *Tit Bits*

— An Injustice—She: "You remember, dear, that five hundred dollars you gave me the other day to put in the bank?" He—"Good gracious, you haven't run through with that, have you?" She (indignantly)—Certainly not. I have nearly fifty left."—*Brooklyn Life.*

— A Cautious Answer—"Where is Josiar?" asked Mrs. Corntossel, uneasily. "Well," answered her husband, as he proceeded to fill his pipe. "I won't say fur certain. If the ice is as strong as he thinks it is, he's gone skatin'; an' if it ain't he's gone swimmin'."—*Washington Star,*

A Night Of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning" writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from Pneumonia, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles 10c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The death of Dr. J. W. Vick for many years chairman of the board of directors of the Eastern Hospital near this city, and a most estimable gentleman, occurred Friday morning at his home in Selma, after a lingering illnes of many months.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: The 12-year-old boy of Ben Lassiter, colored, shot and probably fatally wounded in Henderson Saturday, his cousin, a 14-year-old girl, while playing with a toy air-rifle. The bullet struck the girl in the temple and went through the skull, lodging on the brain.

— Greensboro *Telegram*: Mrs. John Freeman, of Archdale, was accidently shot by her son at home Friday morning. He was sitting near her working with his gun when it was accidently discharged, and the load took effect in her ankles. It is probable that one foot will have to be amputated.

— Winston *Journal*: A. H. Everett has been bound over to the grand jury in Greensboro charged with causing the explosion of a heavy iron hydraulic press Monday night which did much damage to adjoining property. A piece of the press struck Engineer E. E. Harriss' colored fireman who was sitting in his cab two blocks away, breaking a rib.

— Winston *Sentinel*: Mrs. Newton McCann, of Roaring Gap, Edwards township, Wilkes county, a couple of weeks ago gave birth to a quartette of children, two girls and two boys. Not quite two years ago, this good woman gave birth to triplects, all three boys, thus making in all seven children at two births. All the seven children are now alive and doing well.

— Kinston *Free Press*: Mess. W. C. Dupree and Stephen Fordham, who live about two miles from here, got together, near the hogshead factory in North Kinston, Friday evening about 5:30 o'clock. They passed some hot words, and in the mix-up which followed, Mr. Dupree was knocked down, receiving a blow on the left side of the head, fracturing the skull. He was unconscious for 30 minutes. The wound is a very serious one, and may yet cost the man his life, though his condition to-day at noon was somewhat improved. Mr. Fordham gave himself up the sheriff this morning.

— Durhan *Sun*: A gruesme sight was discovered late Thursday afternoon in the basement of the O'Briant building, on Main street. In a small room lay the body of a man, cold and stiff in death, his face in one hand being eaten by rats or cats. It was the lifeless body of Dave Riley, an aged white man. Just when Riley died is not known. He was certainly seen on the streets Christmas eve. At that time he was very much under the influence of whiskey. His death is supposed to have resulted from alcoholism. —— Thursday morning in the police court John S. Carter was before the bar of justice on the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and was discharged. To-day he is a lifeless corpse. After being discharged by the mayor Thursday morning he had something like a fit and fell on the pavement at the west end of the court house. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and carried into the police station. It was thought that his death was caused was caused by concussion of the brain, or the breaking of an artery in the brain.

London Bakers, 1310.

In 1310 we find the following Bow bakeresses accused of selling halfpenny loaves deficient in weight: Sarra Foting, Christina Terrice, Godiyeva Foting, Matilda de Bolingtone, Christina Prichet, Isabella Sperling, Alice Pegges, Johanna de Countebrigge and Isabella Pouveste. One wonders why the husbands were not summoned. In a similar case in 1316, when Agnes Foting's bread was seized, it was "adjudged that her bread should be forfeited and given to the prisoners in Neugate because her husband did not come to avow (own) the bread." Are we to assume that in the absence of the husbands the bread was merely forfeited without the infliction of a fine?

An indication of the importance of the breadmaking business is also found in an enactment of the reign of Henry III to the effect that "every cart of Bremble (Bromley-by-Bow) or Stevenhethe (Stepney) that comes into the city with bread shall pay each day 1 halfpenny."—Gentleman's Magazine.

Birds and "Old" Coins.

A French physician lately had an opportunity to observe a pointe de Paris which had been lying for several days in the stomach of a child and found that the gastric juice had acted upon the smallest particles of the article, blunting the blade and point and giving the medal a brown color. In this manner might be explained the process used in Italy to produce old coins and medals. Large birds are made to swallow roughly stamped coins with the image of Tiberius or Caligula. After awhile the animals give off again the coins, upon which meanwhile an appreciable layer of patina has formed. This result is apparently due to the action of the gastric juices.—Jeweler's Circular-Weekly.

His Musical Sense.

"What is your favorite opera?" asked the foreign gentleman.

Mr. Cumrox was about to answer "The Mikado," when he observed that the eyes of his wife and daughter were upon him. Then he assumed an air of nonchalance and answered:

"Oh, I don't care particular about the names of cigars or the titles of operas. I like to change around. I just tell 'em to give me a 25 cent cigar when I feel like smoking, and when I want music I enjoy any old $5 a seat opera."—Washington Star.

The Next Best Thing.

"I trust," said the new member of the school committee, "that you do not hold out to your pupils the misleading hope that each of them may be the president?"

"No, indeed," replied the dominie, "but I do not think that I err on the side of improbability when I teach them that each has a good chance of being a presidential possibility."—Harper's Bazar.

Early and Late.

Plodder (at 6 a. m.)—Hello, Rounder! What are you doing up so early?

Rounder—Hello, old fel! What are you doing out so late?—Philadelphia Record.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		8	8½
Standard		8	8½
Burlaps		6	6½
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔		11½	14
Sides ℔ ℔			9½
Shoulders ℔ ℔		8	8½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔		7½	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔		7	7½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each			1 40
Second-hand machine			1 40
New New York, each			1 45
New City, each			1 45
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M		6 75	7 00
Northern		9 00	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔		30	35
Northern		27	30
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks		50	53½
Virginia Meal		50	52½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle			1 45
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
sperm		13	25
Adamantine		8	11
CHEESE—			
Northern Factory		13	14
Dairy Cream		15	16
State		11½	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra		11	13½
Rio		9½	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard			6½
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 ℔s			70
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel		23 00	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.		11 00	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel		16 00	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ half-bbl		8 00	10 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel		13 00	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel		3 75	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		7 50	8 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg		4 00	5 00
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔		5	10
Extra		4 25	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		3 25	3 50
Choice			3 75
Straight			4 00
Firm Patent		4 50	5 75
GLUE—℔ ℔		10	11
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from bgs—White		58	60
Mixed Corn		55	56
Car-load, in bgs—White			54½
Oats, from store		35	37½
Oats, Rust Proof		40	44
Cow Peas			65
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green salted			6½
Dry flint		10	11
Dry salt		9	10
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s			
No 1 Timothy		90	95
Rice Straw		40	50
Eastern		85	90
Western		88	93
North River			90
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔		2½	3½
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern		6½	6¾
North Carolina		9	10
LIME, ℔ barrel		1 15	1 20
LUMBER, (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
ship Stuff, resawed		18 00	20 00
Rough edge Plank		15 00	18 00
West India cargoes, according to quality		13 00	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned		18 00	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n		14 00	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead			35
Barbadoes, in barrels			38
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		28	30
Porto Rico, in barrels		28	30
Sugar House, in hogsheads		12	14
Sugar House, in barrels		13	15
Syrup, in barrels		15	25
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis			2 35
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess			14 50
Rump			14 25
Prime			14 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔		11	12
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum			1 25
Liverpool		90	95
American		90	95
On 125 ℔ Sacks			65
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		5½	5¾
Standard A			5⅝
White Extra C			5⅛
Extra C, Golden			4¾
Yellow			4¼
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern		3½	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel		6 00	14 00
R. O. Hogshead			10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		8 00	10 00
Common mill		6 00	8 00
Fair mill		5 00	6 00
Prime mill		6 50	7 50
Extra mill		8 00	9 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6 2 4 heart		4 25	5 00
" Sap		3 00	3 25
5 2 3 0 Heart		2 25	2 50
" Sap		1 50	1 75
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon Northern		1 00	2 10

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, December 31

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.20 per barrel for strained and $1.25 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.30 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market dull at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 49½@49c; rosin firm at $1.10@1 15; tar steady at $1.25; crude turpentine firm at $1 50@2 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	48
Rosin	780
Tar	267
Crude turpentine	90

Receipts same day last year.—202 casks spirits turpentine, 350 bbls rosin, 486 bbls tar, 89 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market quiet on a basis of 9¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 13-16 cts ℔ lb
Good ordinary	8 3-16 " "
Low middling	8 13-16 " "
Middling	9¼ " "
Good middling	9 9-16 " "

Same day last year middling steady at 7¼c.

Receipts—124 bales; same day last year, 2,709.

Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 80c, Virginia—Prime 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c.

CORN—Firm, 58 to 60 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 13 to 15c per pound; shoulders, 10 to 11c; sides, 8 to 9c.

EGGS—Dull at 20 cents per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 20@22 cents; springs, 10@15 cts.

TURKEYS—Live, dull at 8c; dressed, 9 to 11c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25 cents.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½ cents per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Money on call firm at 4@6 per cent., the last loan being at 4½ per cent.; the ruling rate was 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 485¼@485¾ for demand and 481½@481¾ for 60 days. Posted rates 482@482¾ and 486@486¼. Commercial bills 480¼@481¼. Silver certificates 64¼@65. Bar silver 63⅞. Mexican dollars 50. Government bonds weak. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U.S. refunding 2's reg'd, 106; U. S. refund'g 3's, coupon, 106¼; U. S. 3's, reg'd, —; U. S. 5's, reg'd, ex int, 109½; do. coupon, 110; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 138; do. coupon, 138; U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 114; do. coupon, 115; U. S. 5's, reg'd, 113; do. coupon, 113; Southern Railway 5's 114½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 83⅞; Chesapeake & Ohio 42¼; Manhattan L 115½; N. Y. Central 144⅜; Reading 35; do. 1st pref'd 71½; St. Paul, 146⅝; do. pref'd, 187; Southern Railway 21⅜; pref'd 73⅜; American Tobacco, 113; do, pref'd 135; People's Gas 105; Sugar 146¼; do. pref'd 117; T. C. & Iron 64; U. S. Leather 14½; do. preferred 78½; Western Union 84¼. Standard Oil 800@809.

BALTIMORE, December 31.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 10¾@10⅝; preferred 27¾@27¾. Bonds—4's 72@73¼.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Rosin dull Strained common to good $1 75. Spirits turpentine dull at 38½@39c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 31.—Spirits turpentine firm at 34¼c; sales — casks. Rosin firm and unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 31.—Spirits turpentine firm at 35c; sales 834 casks; receipts 678 casks; exports 2,716 casks. Rosin firm; N $1 85; W G $2 00; W W $2 25; sales 3,217 barrels; receipts 5,295 barrels; exports 13,546 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Shorts were embarrassed in to-day's cotton market by an unexpected advance in prices, which seemed to result more from the market's inherent strength than from any special covering or investment demand. Speculation was sluggish throughout the session and at no time was there an attempt made to stimulate public or other investment buying. The bulls were content to let matters rest where they were over the holiday, particularly as receipts at the ports reached larger proportions than figured upon. But other news was of firm tenor and served to create unrest in bear circles. A slow fire of covering was in progress all day and sufficed to keep prices well above the level of Saturday noon. The Liverpool market remained closed and this fact tended to make both factions cautious. However, news that the China political situation had cleared up remarkably within the last twenty-four hours, together with reports that New England mills had had a most prosperous year in 1900, effectually checked selling for short account, and prompted holders to stand off for further developments. The near months were relatively the firmest on the list from opening to closing. The market was fairly steady with prices net four to ten points higher.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 10c.

Cotton futures market closed steady: January 9.69, February 9.51, March 9 45, April 9 39, May 9.37, June 9.34, July 9.30, August 8 97, September 8 42, October 8.05.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 5 16c lower; middling uplands 10c; middling gulf 10¼c; sales 24,255 bales.

Net receipts 1,116 bales; gross receipts 4,536 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,228 bales; exports to the Continent 8,026 bales; exports to France 87 bales; stock 82,272 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 39,292 bales; exports to Great Britain 13,381 bales; exports to France 87 bales; exports to the Continent 7,082 bales; stock 1,010,594 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 76,599 bales; exports to Great Britain 19,457 bales; exports to France 87 bales; exports to the Continent 29,321 bales.

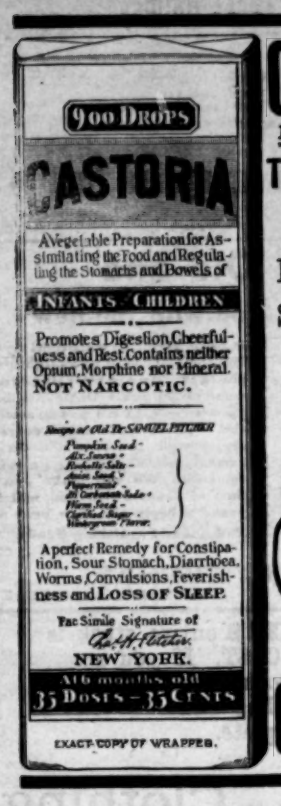
Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 4,529,133 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,638,511 bales; exports to France 365,090 bales; exports to the Continent 1,156,598 bales.

December 31.—Galveston, firm at 9 7-16, net receipts 9,989 bales; Norfolk, quiet at 9 7 16c, net receipts 750 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 10c, net receipts — bales; Boston, dull at 10 5-16c, net receipts 1,270 bales; Wilmington, quiet at 9¼c, net receipts 124 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 10¼c, net receipts 26 bales; Savannah, quiet and steady at 9 5-16c, net receipts 3,260 bales; New Orleans, firm at 9¾c, net receipts 23,411 bales; Mobile, steady at 9 3-16, net receipts 1,354 bales; Memphis, steady at 9 9-16, net receipts 1,914 bales; Augusta, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 248 bales; Charleston, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 817 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Flour was stronger and moderately active and about 10c higher on the rise in wheat. Minnesota patents $4 00@4 30; winter patents $3 70@3 95. Wheat—Spot strong; No. 2 red 83¼c. Options had a strong and excited opening on a big demand from shorts, higher cables and foreign buying. Subsequent unloading by big longs and selling short promoted a decided reaction, which in turn was followed in the last hour by a second violent upturn, based on covering, active outside support, and the visible supply decrease. Closed strong at 2¼@3c advance over Saturday's official close. Sales included No. 2 January closed 81½c; March closed 83¼; May closed 83¾c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 45½c. Options were rather quiet all day, but firmer on cables, the jump in wheat, covering and poor grading. Closed firm at ½@⅝c net advance. January closed 44¼c; May closed 42¾. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2 28¼c. Options quiet and firmer. Lard steadier; Western steam $7 30; refined firm; continent $7 50; South American $8 00; compound 5¼c. Butter firm; Western creamery 17@25; factory 11¾@16c; State dairy 16@23c. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania 25@27c at mark, for average lots; Western regular packing 21@24c. Cheese strong; fancy large, fall made 11¼@11½c; small fancy, fall made 11¼@13c. Pork firmer; family $14 25@16 00; short clear $14 00 @17 00; mess $12 25@13 25. Petroleum firm. Peanuts steady. Tallow quiet; city ($2 per package) 5c; country (pack



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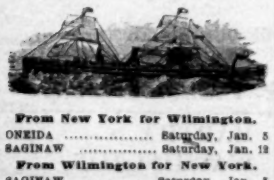

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A Chinese Solomon.

Three men appeared before a judge in Hunan, China, and each laid claim to the same woman as his wife. Not one of them would retire in favor of the other two, but each insisted that justice should be done to him. Finally the judge exclaimed, "Well, if you three men cannot come to some agreement nothing remains for me but to order that the woman shall be killed, as there is no other way in which the matter can be satisfactorily settled." He then called for a large cup of wine, and when it was brought he poured into it some dark powder and compelled the woman to drink it. Excited as she was, the woman speedily began to feel the effect of the strong liquor. She stammered when she tried to speak, and her flushed cheeks were an indication to the observers that the poison was working and that her end was near at hand.

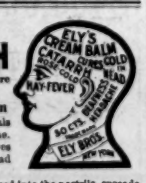
This was the climax for which the judge had waited. When he saw that the woman was apparently dying, he called one of the three men who claimed her as wife and bade him remove her from the courtroom. This man, however, showed no inclination to do so, and the judge thereupon insisted that he renounce all rights to her. This he willingly did and so did the second man. Only one claimant was now left, and he agreed to remove the woman and to care for her until she died. Satisfied that he was her real husband, the judge called him and said: "You will not be sorry for acting in this manner. Have no fear for your wife since she is in no danger of death. The liquor which she has drunk was ordinary wine, and the powder which I poured into it was nothing but brown sugar."

She Was Willing.

Young Biffkins—Before you give me your answer, Miss Ethel, I want to tell you that I haven't a penny I can call my own, but my father is quite wealthy, and only yesterday he said our home was sadly in need of a woman's guiding hand.

Miss Ethel—Well, you might mention to your father that I would not be averse to accepting a position as mother to his only boy.—Chicago News.

Nasal CATARRH



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THE DRUG STORE MAN

HE GETS SOME RATHER PECULIAR REQUESTS AT TIMES.

The Queer and Laughable Names Under Which Popular Remedies Are Called For by Customers—Other Riddles Which He Has to Solve.

"What is it you want, my little man?" inquired the druggist of the boy at the counter.

"Me mudder wants 5 cents of bitter Alice," sniffed the urchin, unloading the coin from his mouth.

The druggist went into the mysterious place behind and presently came back back with an article which he wrapped in paper. As the lad went out of the door the druggist turned to his three wondering friends at the counter.

"What did that boy ask for?" inquired one of them.

"Well, he asked for bitter Alice," replied the druggist. "I don't keep bitter Alice in stock, so I gave him bitter aloes. That's what his mother sent him for, I imagine."

There was a laugh, and one of the three inquired:

"Do you have many curious mistakes like that?"

"They are legion," was the reply of the compounder of drugs. "I used to think that some of them were quite laughable, but really I have become so accustomed to them that I am more or less indifferent. A man takes great chances now and then filling some of the cart before the horse orders that are presented, but the majority are easy. Last night a servant girl from the heights came in here and asked me to give her 'something to take a man's breath away.' I gave her cardamom seed, which she evidently recognized, for she sampled them on the spot.

"I have had any number of calls for 'Paddy Garrick' and even 'parry garic' and 'penny garlic,' which, of course, produced paregoric in each case. Here is a written order for 'a bottle of the smelling stuff that goes to your brain.' This, of course, meant ammonia. I have had a call for 'high stirrups' when hive sirup was really required. Gum arabic seems to mix them up a great deal, for the demands for it has resolved themselves into 'gum mare back,' 'comearaback,' 'garmariback' and 'ramback.'

"You see," continued the druggist, finding that his listeners were highly interested in his statements, "a great many residents of this neighborhood are of most ordinary means and, in addition, have not a superior education. All are anxious to save physicians' charges and think that a druggist is fully competent to treat their ailments with success. Some of their diagnoses of cases are really pen pictures. Here is a request for 'something for an old woman who has a bad cough and cannot cough.' Then I find a graphic appeal 'for a plaster for a man kilt with stitches.' That is not quite as notable an epic as the one which calls for 'enough flackseed to make a pudding for a sore toe.' It was a little more expressive than the order which asked for 'something for a heavy pain in the bones that is coming out through the eyes.'

"We have here a rather amazing request for 'enuf eppy cack to throw up a baby 4 years old.' This youngster must have been in pretty bad shape, for here I have a demand from its mother that I furnish her with something for her 5-year-old child, who has 'an impression on his heart and a cough that is choking him in the neck.'

"To fill the next order may seem difficult, but it really isn't. It states, 'Send me some of the essence you put people to sleep with when you cut their fingers off.' It evidently meant ether. At all events, that is what it was filled with. The man who wrote this order wanted 'something to take tobacco out of my mouth.' I suppose it was the scent of the thing that he objected to. The good housewife who wrote to me requesting 'something to rub my old man with' got a liniment, of course. It must have been her twin sister who wrote for 'something to knock a cold out of an old man.' Another peculiar demand is for 'enough aniseed to take the twist out of a dose of senna.'

"These odd orders I might read until daylight. 'Send me a baby's top to a nurse bottle' meant, no doubt, a nursing bottle top, and 'something for a sore baby's eye' is no way to mistake. I have also appeals for remedies for a 'swelled woman's foot' and 'a man with a dry spit on him.'

"The phonetic sounding is, however, the most odd feature of the whole business. Cardamom seed I have had described as 'colored man seed' and 'McCordon seeds.' Orders for unguentum have been couched in requests for 'honey quintom,' 'Annie Quintom' and 'Anne Grintum.' Orders for 'bug mint' and 'barneget' I have filled with bergamot, and to a man who asked for 'campfire' I gave camphor. Arrowroot is frequently written 'air root,' and on one occasion I had a written request for 'raving bald Sam' when Arabian balsam was intended.

"Some of the other mistakes that I have noticed in the last ten years at this stand have been 'Cupid' for cubeb, 'glory farm' for chloroform, 'ox sled acid' for oxalic acid, 'lord worm' for laudanum, 'paint killer' for pain killer, 'sirrip of swill' for sirup of squills, 'gross of supplements' for corrosive sublimate and 'Mary attic acid' for muriatic acid.

"But I do not mind all these. It is the woman who wants '5 cents' worth of cologne to smell a trunk' and the chap who asks for 'a mixture of two-thirds alcohol and two-thirds castor oil' that puzzle the average druggist. They are what we call blind writers, but we manage to guess what they want. It keeps us thinking at times, though."—New York Mail and Express.

The New Author.

"Sirrah," said the new author to his valet, "how goes my new novel today?"

"The one hundred and fortieth edition is just on the press, sir."

"Good! Pay the coal bill, settle the gas account, pacify the grocery man, get my note shaved and take your salary out of it and then come in and shave me!"—Atlanta Constitution.

A Man and His Children.

Young men should choose as early as they can a good and true woman for a wife and look forward to a noble family of children. My ambition was to have seven, and the all wise Father gave me nine.—Robert Collyer in Success.

Tory is an Irish word for a "bog runner." It originally applied to the Romish outlaws in Ireland and then to all Jacobites prior to becoming a political designation a century ago.

The Age of a Horse.

"The popular idea that the age of a horse can always be told by looking at his teeth," says a veterinary surgeon, "is not entirely correct. After the eighth year a horse has no more new teeth, so that the tooth method is useless for telling the age of a horse which is more than eight years old. As soon as the set of teeth is complete, however, a wrinkle begins to appear on the upper edge of the lower eyelid, and a new wrinkle is added each year, so that to get at the age of a horse over eight years old you must figure the teeth plus the wrinkles."

A New Trade.

Citizen—See here, I'll give you a dime, but I believe you asked me for money only yesterday. Why don't you learn some good business?

Ablebodied Beggar—I have learned one, sir; I am a retoucher.—Life.

Doing His Best.

Patient (in intense agony)—Oh, doctor, if I could only die!

Doctor—Patience, my friend, patience! I am doing my very best.—King.

Exercise For Him.

"How did your wife's drives strike you?" asked the enthusiastic golfer.

"Not at all," said the indulgent and attentive husband, "but they kept me dodging."—Philadelphia Press.

There are millions of the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands who never knew the dominion of Spain and never saw a Spaniard.

There are said to be fewer suicides among miners than among any other class of workmen.

AN OBLIGING LANDLORD.

Keeps Ferrets to Clear Out the Rats When They Annoy Guests.

"Recently I had an experience with rats that I will not soon forget," said D. B. Purks of Fredericksburg, Va.

"It happened in this way: I was traveling through Alabama and landed in a small town worn out after a day's overland travel in a broken down buggy and sought the only tavern the town boasted. After I had been in bed about 15 minutes I was startled to hear strange and curious noises, the most unnatural in sound I had ever heard. I immediately proceeded to investigate the cause of this midnight disturbance and lit the candle, the only illuminant procurable, and to my surprise beheld ten of the largest rats, in my opinion, ever seen. They ranged in size from an average squirrel to an ordinary dog. Not the least fear was manifested by these rats. They deliberately surveyed me and continued the work of eating my shoes. One large fellow, evidently master of ceremonies, was bold enough to attempt to bite me. This affront was more than I could stand.

"Jumping back into bed, I screamed for the landlord, who, after being awakened from a drunken sleep, slowly shuffled up to this chamber of horrors, dignified as a room, and contemptuously inquired the cause of the racket. After stating the nature of the trouble he 'allowed' he would settle it in short order. In about ten minutes rats poured into the room in droves to the number of about 150, all sizes and conditions, large and small, lean and fat, all squeaking and apparently frightened. I thought something unusual must have transpired, when my suspicions were confirmed by the arrival of several ferrets whose eyes sparkled with glee at the slaughter they proceeded to institute.

"As soon as I collected myself after the execution I hastened out of the room and made myself as comfortable as possible in a chair, waiting for day to break, that I could shake the town. Although I made my escape in carpet slippers, it was one of the happiest incidents of my life. The landlord evidently thought nothing of the occurrence. He said it happened very often, and he always kept a supply of ferrets to clean the rats out when they became unmanageable and too annoying to his guests."—Washington Post.

How the Difficulty Was Solved.

"Let me pay your fare," the first girl said.

"No. Let me pay yours," said the second.

"No. I insist on paying yours."

"No, you don't. I'll pay yours."

"No. I will!"

"I will!"

"I"—

There is no telling what might have happened had not an old meddler who was seated opposite leaned over and said:

"Hold on, young ladies. Do not lose your heads. I think I can settle this matter without blood being shed. Each of you pay for the other, neither for herself. That will make it right—neither of you out. Do you see?"

"Oh, how nice!" they both exclaimed, and when the conductor came round they did what the old meddler suggested. Both then sat pleased and magnanimous looking until the end of the ride.

Mathematics at Oxford.

There is an interesting story which shows the disposition of Oxford toward mathematics. A venerable don who had bought half a dozen books at 3s. 6d. each requested the bookseller to give him a piece of paper for the purpose of arriving at the amount. He then wrote down 3s. 6d. six times, one under the other, and was slowly adding them up, when the shopman ventured to point out the shorter method of multiplying one 3s. 6d. by 6. "Dear me!" exclaimed the don, "really, that is most ingenious, most ingenious."—London Globe.

The manufacture and sale of dolls in Europe exceed, at a low estimate, 26,000,000 per annum. One firm in Paris alone turns out 2,000 dolls a day, and many other houses make even larger numbers.

Bad Bargain.

Mr. Slummer—Your story is not a very plausible one.

Street Beggar (anxiously)—D'ye t'ink I'm stuck, mister? I paid Pete de Poet $2 fer writin me dat string of talk.—Brooklyn Life.

Talking of forestry encouragement, hardly is there a cut down tree that does not furnish a stump speaker in its favor.—Philadelphia Times.

It takes a successful artist to draw a large bank check.—Chicago News.

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At the close of business December 18, 1900. (Began business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$365,750 56	Capital Stock	$200,000 00
Stocks and Bonds	1,045 00	Profits less expenses	34,901 45
U. S. Bonds	197,100 00	Circulation	146,050 00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	5,090 07	Deposits	432,190 21
Five per cent. redemption fund	7,250 00		
Revenue Stamps	453 07		
Office Furniture	750 00		
Cash on hand and in banks	254,752 11		
Total	$813,091 67	Total	$813,091 67

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Fine Silk Bows at 5 and 10c. The Hand Bows, worth 25c, my price 15c. Gent's full Silk Teck Ties as low as 10c. I have the best line of Silk Four-in-Hand Ties in the city, for 25 and 50c. My stock of fine Wool Blankets must be sold. I have a good five-pound, heavy, double, gray, part wool Blanket as low $1.25. 11-4 six-pound Blanket as low as $1.50. My heavy cheap Blankets as low as 85c a pair. Gray and white 10-4 full size, as low as 69c a pair. My leader, the Elkin Mills Blanket, all Rose Wool Blankets—10-4 $3.60, 11-4 $5.00—are the best Blankets in the city, and I ask a comparison before you buy. I want to sell out this line and will make special prices on them.

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I have a big stock of fine Dolls, Tool Chests, Chairs, Tables, Writing Desks, Fancy China, Doll Carriages and Go-Carts, all at cost. I need the room for my coming Spring stock, and sell goods cheaper now than ever before. I have a big drive in Handkerchiefs. A Child's colored border Handkerchief at 2c each. A Ladies' pure all Linen Handkerchief at 5c. Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs at 10c. Gent's large Silk Mufflers at 12½, 18, 25, 50 and 98c each. The best line of 10c Hosiery in the city. Double knees and double soles at 10c—all sizes from 5 to 9½. Warranted fast black.

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Just to Remind You.

Christmas is less than five weeks off,

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because it contains everything that is new and unique in Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Toilet Sets, Salad Sets, Lamps, Jardiniers, Fern Dishes, Vases, etc., to say nothing of our very pretty pieces in Libbey's Cut Glass.

Will you let us Fill that order?

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TRAIN 41 Leaves Wilmington at 3:05 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:14 P. M., Pembroke 5:35 P. M., Maxton 6:06 P. M., Hamlet 7:05 P. M., Wadesboro 8:15 P. M., Monroe 9:20 P. M., Charlotte 10:30 P. M., Athens, Ga., 3:43 A. M., Atlanta 6:05 A. M.

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago and Western and Northwestern points. Connects at Hamlet with train No. 27 for Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa and other Florida points; also with train 44 for Raleigh, Petersburg, Richmond, Washington, Baltimore and New York. Other trains leave Hamlet as follows: Train No. 21 (Florida Limited) for Columbia and points South at 6:30 A. M. Train No. 403 for Monroe, Charlotte, Lincolnton, Shelby and Ruthertordton. Athens, Atlanta and all points southwest at 6:30 A. M. Train No. 38 for Raleigh, Norfolk and points North at 8:05 A. M. Train No. 66 for Raleigh, Richmond and points North at 9:20 A. M.

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

TRAIN 38 Leaves Hamlet at 8:30 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12.05 noon. This train takes passengers at Hamlet from train No. 21 (Florida Limited) leaving Richmond at 10:40 P. M. and arriving at Hamlet at 6:25 A. M.; from train No. 403 leaving Norfolk at 9:30 P. M., arriving at Hamlet at 7:10 A. M.; from train No. 38 leaving Atlanta at 9:00 P. M. and Charlotte at 5:45 A. M., arriving at Hamlet at 7:45 A. M.

Other trains arrive at Hamlet as follows: Train 402 from Atlanta, Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincolnton, Charlotte and Monroe at 9:27 P. M.; train No. 41 from Portsmouth at 7:10 P. M.; train No. 37 from Richmond and points North at 10:27 P. M.; train No. 44 from Columbia and points South at 9:40 P. M., and train No. 66 from Columbia and points South at 9:00 A. M.

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Office of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 29th, 1900.

The Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company have declared a dividend of one per cent. on the Common Stock of that Company, payable to all holders of record of December 31st, 1900, dividend due and payable at the Treasurer's Office, Wilmington, N. C., January 10th, 1901. Transfer books will stand closed from December 31st, 1900, to January 10th, 1901. JAMES F. POST,

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Schedule In Effect Nov. 25, 1900.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 2.35 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.10 A. M., Warsaw 11.24 A. M., Goldsboro 12.21 P. M., Wilson 1.18 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.48 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.02 P. M., Petersburg 6.31 P. M., Richmond 7.35 P. M., Norfolk 5.15 P. M., Washington 11.20 P. M., Baltimore 1.03 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 1.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 3.43 P. M., Goldsboro 4.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., †Tarboro 8.46 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.32 P. M., Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.35 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 5.25 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.30 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.00 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.35 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 2.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M., Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9 12 P. M., Columbia 10.35 P. M., Denmark 5.55 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.30 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 2.45 A. M., Jacksonville 8.30 A. M., St. Augustine 11.15 A. M., Tampa 6.45 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. — No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.05 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.00 P. M., New York †3.25 P. M., Philadelphia 10.50 A. M., Baltimore 2.52 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 9.48 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.20 P. M., Magnolia 4.38 P. M.

DAILY 9.20 A. M — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 8.55 A. M., Philadelphia 11.32 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.12 P. M., Richmond 6.50 P. M., Petersburg 7.25 P. M., †Norfolk 3.20 P. M., Weldon 9.02 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 8.15 A. M. Leave Wilson 5.57 A. M., Goldsboro 6.45 A. M., Warsaw 7.30 A. M., Magnolia 7.51 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.30 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 7.25 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.50 A. M., Sanford 2.20 P. M., Jacksonville 5.00 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M. Macon 2.00 A. M., Augusta 8.30 P. M., Denmark 4.29 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.05 P. M. Florence 9.55 A. M., Marion 10.55 A. M., Chadbourn 11.41 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.12 P. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.25 P. M. — No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.05 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.30 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.50 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 5.00 A. M. Marion 5.15 A. M., Red Springs 9.51 A. M., Hope Mills 10.35 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.40 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.12 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 75, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 8.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 10 A. M., arrives Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 5.55 P. M., Halifax 4.17 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.53 P. M. Returning, leave Kinston 7.50 A. M. Greenville 8.39 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.32 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.25 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11 00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.10 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.03 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 8.00 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 2.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.30 A. M., 4.08 P. M., Spring Hope 10.45 A. M., 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.20 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.45 A. M., 5.28 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 6.45 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.13 A. M., arrive Latta 10.50 A. M., Dillon 10.42 A. M., Rowland 10.58 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 3.06 P. M.; arrives Dillon 3.52 P. M., Latta 3.42 P. M., Pee Dee 7.06 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.15 A. M., Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Trains leave Sumter 7.35 P. M., Manning 8.04 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.43 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.56 A. M., Manning 9.00 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 1.

FOOT BALL TO-DAY

O. A. N. and A. C. L. Teams Will Meet on the Hilton Park Gridiron

Those who missed the game of foot ball between Wilmington and Wilson on Thanksgiving Day will to day have an opportunity to see a game which from present indications will be just as good or even better, when the O. A. N. and A. C. L. foot ball teams will play. Both teams have been carefully selected from the very best foot ball material that Wilmington has, and those who go expecting to see a good game will not be disappointed. The game will be called promptly at 3 o'clock. Cars will run all the way to the Park. Admission: Gentlemen 25 cents, ladies 15 cents.

A. C. L. colors, black and orange. O. A. N. red and blue.

Line up as follows:

A. C. L.		O. A. N.
Ramsey	c.	Holland
Hall	r. g.	Fisher
Hergenrother	l. g.	Kerr
Hopkins	l. t.	Morton P.
Grant	r. t.	Burch
Armstrong	r. e.	Montgomery
Loughlin	l. e.	Morton
Wootten	r. b. b.	Hatch
Dock F.	l. h. b.	Bellamy
Wiggs	l. b.	McMillan II
Turrentine	f. b.	Sinclair

Subs—Emerson, Jordan, Loughlin, Galloway.

THE ODAM CASE

Will Come Up Before Mayor Waddell This Morning—Several Warrants Issued.

Henry Barr and W. H. Costin were arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrants worn out by J. A. Odam, father of the young man who is lying at the City Hospital in a critical condition as the result of a fracture of the skull, charging them with assault and battery with a deadly weapon upon his son. They gave a bond of $50 for their appearance at Mayor's Court this morning, at which time a hearing in the case will be held. Several witnesses have also been summoned to appear in the case. Costin and Barr were arrested several days ago on suspicion of complicity in the assault on Odam, but were released on bail for their appearance at the trial.

Odam's condition late last night was not considered as favorable as it was several days ago.

THE YEAR'S POLICE RECORD.

Number of Arrests Was More Than a Thousand—December's Quota.

The records at the police station show that during the year just ended there were 1,045 arrests made by the city officers. These were distributed among the months as follows, June having been accredited with the largest proportion on account of the great number of warrants served at that time for failure to pay license tax: Jan. 80; Feb. 66; March, 83; April, 66; May, 83; June, 161; July, 81; Aug. 56; Sept. 117; Oct. 69; Nov. 78; Dec. 105.

While there has been much comment about the unusual amount of drunkenness during the Christmas holidays this year, the number of arrests in December shows up quite favorably with the two years preceding. In the year 1900 there were 105 arrests during the month; in 1899, only 83, and in 1898 only 140.

Annual New Year's Reception.

The annual New Year's reception at the Young Men's Christian Association will be given to-day, commencing at 3 o'clock this afternoon and lasting until six o'clock this evening. The reception will be given under the auspices of the Woman's Auxilary and it will be a memorable occasion for the many pleasures afforded. The building has been decorated and it will be thrown open for inspection from the basement to the third story. The young men's and the business men's basket ball teams will play at 8:30 o'clock to-night.

Died Yesterday Afternoon.

The STAR regrets to announce the death of Mrs. Mary Florence Biggs, wife of Mr. J. D Biggs which occurred at one o'clock yesterday afternoon at the family residence, corner Second and Dock streets. Mr. Biggs and family moved here from Lumberton several years ago. Deceased is survived by her husband and seven children. They are Mrs. W. L. Holden, Miss Minnie Hester Biggs, John D. Jr., Walter Earl, Ruby and Berton Biggs. The remains will be carried to Lumberton this afternoon on the Carolina Central train for interment.

Married at Masonboro.

Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Walton, on Masonboro Sound, was solemnized the marriage of Miss Margaret E. Walton and Mr. Walter Farrar. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M C. Walton, an uncle of the bride. The marriage was witnessed by many relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride and groom are both popular young people of Masonboro Sound.

Mr. Alexander to Raleigh.

The Charlotte *News* says that Mr. T. W. Alexander has resigned his secretaryship with Congressman Bellamy, to return to Raleigh as assistant to Mr. Brevard Nixon, principal clerk of the House. They go Monday week to Raleigh.

Colonel Wilcocks has cabled the British government that the Ashanti rebellion has ended, all of the rebel chiefs having surrendered.

A Monster Devil Fish

Destroying its victim, is a type of Constipation. The power of this murderous malady is felt on organs and nerves and muscles and brain. There's no health till it's overcome. But Dr. King's New Life Pills are a safe and certain cure. Best in the world for Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. Only 25 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

BRITISH SUSTAIN ANOTHER REVERSE

About Fifty Killed and Wounded and Two Hundred Taken Prisoners.

REPORTS FROM KITCHENER.

Boers Captured and Carried Off One Gun Situation in Cape Colony—DeWet Not a Prisoner—Raiders Destroying the Railroad.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 31.—The War Office to day received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated at Pretoria yesterday:

"General Lyttleton reports that our post at Helvetia (130 miles east of Pretoria) was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About 50 were killed and wounded and 200 taken prisoners. Colonel Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy, Helvetia being reoccupied by Reeves, who has been reinforced from Belfast. Helvetia was a very strong position on the Machadodorp Lydenburg Railway and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool Regiment."

A later dispatch from Kitchener says:

"The post at Helvetia was surprised at 2 30 A. M., the enemy first rushing a 4 7 gun. At dawn the officer commanding the post at Swartz kopjes sent out a patrol and shelled the enemy out of Helvetia, making them abandon the gun temporarily.

"The Boers, however, formed our prisoners around the gun and got away eventually. No ammunition belonging to the gun was captured. The casualties were four officers wounded and eleven men killed and twenty two wounded. A column was sent out from Machadodorp, but owing to bad roads, it failed to arrive in time."

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch to the War Office, dated Pretoria, December 31st, 9:35 A. M., says:

"A small portion of the enemy's forces which entered the colony to the east broke away in a southwesterly direction and crossed the railroad at a point between Bangor and Sherborne. They did some damage to the railway. The column under Williams will be in touch with this body to day.

"The force which entered the colony to the west passed the road from Carnarvon to Victoria west at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. They were going south and were closely followed by Thorneycroft and Delise.

"Very few recruits from the colony joined the enemy."

CAPE TOWN, December 31.—The Cape Government has called upon the loyalists in twenty-seven districts, including Cape Town, to assist the military to repel invasion by the formation of a paid defence force.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Boers have now reached a point half way between the Orange river and Cape Town; and, in spite of the optimism of the London press, the call of the government at Cape Town shows how seriously the invasion is regarded there.

The only thing that really touches the British public is the loss of a big naval gun. The *Times* to day, however, draws attention to what might prove a serious danger, namely the possibility of another outbreak of enteric fever among the soldiers, worn down by the hardships and privations of a prolonged and not exciting campaign.

A Train Captured.

PORT ELIZABETH, December 31.—Reports are in circulation here that the train which was held up near Kowmead was not empty, but had sixty of the Prince Alfred Guards on board, who were returning from the front, and about forty passengers, women and children.

The Boers numbered two hundred, with supports that could be seen in the distance. The soldiers defended themselves until their small quantity of ammunition was exhausted, when all were captured, though subsequently released.

The passengers had narrow escape, as the bullets of the Boers perforated the carriages. An officer and three soldiers were severely wounded.

The railway traffic has been stopped, but the Boers do not appear to have injured the permanent way.

GAME COSTS THREE LIVES.

Sheriff and Two Card Players Shot and Killed at Abbeville, S. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ABBEVILLE, S. C., Dec. 30.—Three men are dead as the result of a quarrel over a game of cards here last night.

John Dansby shot William Kyle, and then took refuge in the home of his father in-law. Sheriff Kennedy went to the house and demanded the surrender of the murderer.

He came out, closing the door behind him, and, with the remark: "We'll all go to —— together," commenced firing. Dansby was shot twice in the leg and fell in the chest. The sheriff was struck once in the left breast and fell as soon as hit. After walking away about 50 steps and while he was reloading his pistol Dansby was shot again, some say by the dying sheriff. The sheriff and slayer died within a few minutes of each other. Kyle lingered until 2 o'clock to-day.

FUEDS IN KENTUCKY.

Six Men Killed and Twelve Wounded in Clay County.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Ky., Dec 30.—Four men have been killed and ten wounded in Clay county fights within the past two weeks, while two other Clay county men were killed and two were wounded in a fight just over the Clay county line during the same period, making a total of six killed and twelve wounded within two weeks. The factions are again becoming hostile and drastic measures may be necessary to quell the fuedists.

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The Passing of the Nineteenth Century and the Advent of the New Year Observed at Many Places.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, January 1.—The passing of the 19th century was fittingly observed in this city by a spectacular municipal celebration, which included a military parade and pyrotechnic and electrical displays. The great City Hall and the historic State House were the centers of the celebrations and great crowds gathered in the vicinity of each of these buildings. Twenty thousand incandescent lights were used on the exterior of the City Hall. In the State House twenty tallow candles were placed on each window sill which added to the quaintness of the old hall. At 11:55 P. M. all lights went out, and the multitude waited in the gloom as the last five minutes of the century were ticked off. On the stroke of midnight, all the lights were again turned on, and simultaneously a gorgeous display of fireworks burst forth from every point of the great building.

The observance at Independence Hall was simple, with a tinge of solemnity about it. The deep-toned bell pealed out twenty strokes, one for each century; then one hundred and twenty-five strokes, symbolical of the years of independence of the country, then nineteen strokes, a pause, and a single stroke for 1901.

At Chicago.

CHICAGO, January 1.—Thousands of people throughout the city to-night celebrated the dawn of the new century. Watch meetings were held in the churches and in the business district crowds of men and boys marched up and down the streets, blowing horns and cheering, while every steam whistle in the city was turned loose on the stroke of twelve. It was the noisiest greeting ever extended to a new year in Chicago. The great watch meeting of the night was under the auspices of the Red Cross Society and held in the Coliseum, which was packed to the doors.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 1.—The incoming of the century was signalized in Richmond by the blowing of steam whistles and the ringing of bells, as well as by the usual New Year blowing of horns and discharge of fireworks. There were special services in many of the churches at midnight.

At Savannah.

SAVANNAH, GA., January 1.—The end of the old century and the beginning of the new was celebrated by a pontifical high mass in the cathedral of St. John the Baptist, with Bishop Keiley officiating, by chimes on the bells of St. John's Church, by fireworks, bonfires, steam whistles and paraders with tin horns.

Charlotte Celebrates.

CHARLOTTE, Jan. 1.—The greater portion of the population of this city remained up until after 12 o'clock to-night to celebrate the advent of the new century. At the stroke of 12 all the bells in the city rung, and the whistles of the cotton factories were blown. There were watch night services at some of the churches.

Trinity Chimes Rang Out

NEW YORK, Jan 1.—Famous Trinity Church and its chimes were magnets for the hosts of people in this city who flocked into Broadway to usher in the new year and the new century down town. All the avenues led to the historic spot.

From over the bridges came thousands. The ferries from Long Island and Jersey were crowded with those who were intent on hearing the chimes. No services took place in the church, as it would have been entirely inadequate to hold a part of the throngs in the streets near by. At 11 30 the first peals of the grand old bells were heard.

CONGRESSIONAL MATTERS.

The Ship Subsidy Bill Not Likely to Pass This Session—The River and Harbor Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., December 31.—Senator A. S. Clay, who returns to Washington Wednesday, said to-day that he did not think the ship subsidy bill would pass at this session of Congress. "If the bill is ever brought to a vote," said the Senator," it will go through, but a strong effort will be made to keep the matter off and we hope to succeed. I do not think there will be an extra session."

WASHINGTON, December 31.—A subcommittee of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors, met to-day for the purpose of putting in shape the river and harbor bill for presentation to the full committee which will meet next Wednesday to take up the bill. Chairman Burton hopes that one meeting of the committee will be sufficient, and he expects to have the bill prepared for presentation to the House on Thursday. He will then ask to have it considered Friday and Saturday.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Casneu McLeod, a Prominent Citizen of Richmond, Va.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 31.—Casneu McLeod was found dead in the bath room of his residence here this morning, with a bullet hole in his head and a pistol lying by his side. He had evidently committed suicide. Why he should have done so is a mystery.

Mr. McLeod was a son of Colonel McLeod, of the United States army. He was 56 years old and was born in Galveston, Texas. He was a private in the Confederate army during the latter part of the civil war. After the close of the war, and a period of study at the University of Virginia, he settled in Savannah, where he remained until 1872, the year of his removal to Richmond, which has been his home since. He was private secretary to Governors Fitzhugh Lee and P. W. McKinney, and filled both positions with distinction. He has also been secretary of the Tobacco Exchange here for about twenty years, and held that post at the time of his death. He married soon after the war Miss Virgina Marshall, daughter of Mr. William Marshall, long British vice consul here. She and four children survive him.

The firs tdirt on the road bed of the Brunswick and Birmingham road was broken yesterday at Brunswick in the presence of a large gathering of citizens. Two hundred men were put to work on the right of way.

The Inter State Building and Loan Association, the last of the incorporations of the kind in Atlanta, was placed in the hands of a receiver yesterday by Judge Don. A. Pardee in the United States Circuit Court.

CHINESE ACCEPT THE CONDITIONS.

Emperor Decrees Acceptance of the Demands of the Powers As a Whole.

FURTHER CONFERENCE ASKED

Acceptance Regarded as an Ingenious Stroke of Diplomacy—Not an Unconditional Acceptance—Military Excursions to Cease.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PEKIN, December 30.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note and have notified the foreign envoys to that effect. The Chinese themselves were greatly surprised at receiving the imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung Chang nor Prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under ten days. The Emperor's instructions are to agree fully to the note, but to endeavor to get the best terms possible, particularly in the matter of limiting the number of legation guards and also to the places where these are to be located. The plenipotentiaries are instructed to endeavor to limit the number of army posts along the line of railway to as few as possible and finally to request the Powers not to destroy the forts, but merely to disarm them.

Ingenious Stroke of Diplomacy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Department of State has received a dispatch from Minister Conger, at Pekin, dated December 30th, announcing that the Chinese plenipotentiaries have notified the representatives of the Powers that the Emperor decrees the acceptance of their demands as a whole and Prince Ching requests further conference.

They also desire that military excursions into the interior should cease.

It is well known that this last request is in accordance with the views of the President.

In diplomatic quarters the acceptance given by the Chinese envoys is regarded as a most ingenious stroke of diplomacy. Among diplomatic officials it is said that this is not an unconditional acceptance, although it is such a concurrence in the general principle of the note that the Powers cannot well set it aside. It appears to be directed toward reconsidering the word "irrevocable" and securing more definite and, if possible, more moderate conditions on some of the points involved. It is not clear whether the envoys will sign the first note, and then ask for negotiations, or endeavor to ameliorate the terms before the final signatures are affixed. In any event, it is felt that the graver features of the trouble are overcome by the submissive attitude of the Emperor, and but little remains now but to perfect the details of the peace treaty on the general lines heretofore laid down.

An Armistice Proclaimed.

LONDON, December 31.—A dispatch to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, from Pekin, dated Sunday, December 30th, says an armistice has been proclaimed.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—The officials here are puzzled to account for the announcement of this armistice before the Chinese answer, which asked for it, had been received by the ministers at Pekin, for they assume that that answer was not received until last night. However, it is suggested that the rather vigorous expressions of dissatisfaction by some of the Powers at the prosecution of these military raids upon Chinese who are showing no disposition to attack foreigners, may at last have had some effect. The State Department has sent a strong instruction to Minister Conger directly in line with the Chinese request for a suspension of military excursions. It is not an armistice, technically speaking, that is looked for now, but merely a suspension of military activity. Were the Powers to formally consent to an armistice they would thereby commit themselves to a recognition of the existence of actual war with China, and there are strong reasons why such a committal should be avoided, if possible.

BERLIN, December 31.—Count Von Waldersee reports to the War Office, under date of Pekin, December 29th:

"The Chinese who fled south were pursued by Iriosts' squadron to So Kien, 160 kilometers southwest of Pekin where the Chinese scattered. Gruber's column seized great quantities of munitions, quick firing and Krupp guns, Maxim rifles, etc., at Si-Nan Chen, twent one kilometers east of Pao-Li Hsien which had been abandoned by the fleeing Chinese."

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

More Failures as a Result of the London and Globe Collapse.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The fears of further failures in connection with the collapse of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, Limited, were not realized up to 1 o'clock this afternoon and the whole tone of the Stock Exchange steadied in consequence, and the Americans were marked up one-half.

Later, three failures were announced, those of Thomas S. Egan, a jobber, G. W. Barber and Fitzgerald & Company, all called with the West Australian market.

The London and Globe Finance Corporation sent a circular to its share holders to-day calling a meeting for January 9th for the purpose of passing a resolution to wind up the company. The circular says the capital of the company is locked up in securities on which at present it is impossible to realize, and the corporation, therefore, by reason of its liabilities is unable, to carry on business.

WARM WIRELETS.

J. R. Davis, living in the suburbs of Brunswick, Ga., shot and killed his wife last night, mistaking her for a burglar.

On account of ill-health General Passenger Agent L. S. Allen, of the Seaboard Air Line, with headquarters at Portsmouth, Va., has retired from office.

Traffic was resumed on all the lines of the Scranton street railway company yesterday in accordance with the compromise agreement giving the employes an increase in wages.

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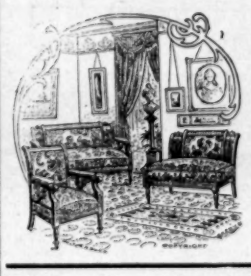

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